

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect for prosecution without traverse, claims 1-5 and 23 directed to group (II) listed in the October 7, 2004 Office Action, and withdraw claims 6-22 and 24 without prejudice.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, it is suggested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael F. Morano", written over a horizontal line.

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